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(SBU) PolOff on March 16 delivered demarche and points contained in reftel A on U.S. plans regarding Manas Air Base to Mohammed Ensour, in the Foreign Minister's Private Office. Ensour offered no comment and said he would convey the message to the European Department. Ambassador subsequently delivered the demarche on March 18 to Chief of the Royal Court Nasser Al-Lozi, who backed the USG approach and reconfirmed Jordan's willingness to support U.S. efforts in Afghanistan as outlined in reftel B.

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